

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
April 13, 2010**

CALL TO ORDER

A Regular meeting of the Recreation Advisory Board was called to order at 6:38 PM, Wednesday, April 13, 2010, at the Buena Vista Community Center, E. Main Street, Buena Vista, Colorado by Earl Richmond. Present members were Earl Richmond, Eric Gibb, Luke Urbine, Steve Plumb. Also present were Town Engineer Rachel Friedman, Town Administrator Sue Boyd and Recreation Director Erin Reavis. Steve Jacobson was also present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion #1 by Eric Gibb, seconded by Luke Urbine to approve minutes from March 10 meeting as presented.

AGENDA ADOPTION

Agenda was amended to add Track progress of future goals versus time line.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Jon Belantonio introduced the idea of a putting in a dog park somewhere in Buena Vista. He emphasized that many people in our community already enjoy recreational activities with their dogs and could benefit from having a designated area for a dog park. Jon discussed the example of the new dog park in Salida that used Department of Corrections for Labor and Murdoch's Ranch and Supply offered the materials at cost. The cost for that dog park was approximately \$6,000. Things to consider in the planning of a dog park should include parking, restrooms, water, clean-up, rules, fenced or not fenced, and location. The Board items such as the leash law, up keep, actual amount of usage, funding. Jon had already spoken informally with the Department of Corrections regarding the labor and could easily be in contact with them. The Board offered ideas such as mulch or wood chips for ground cover, play area or obstacles, and the benefit for tourists and the local community as well.

A group presenting information on the model airplanes discussed how they had gone to the Board of Trustees in the mid 1990's for assistance with the runway located on the south western portion of land by the rodeo grounds. Roy Gertsen said redoing the runway had been done "in house" with a chip seal and another additional seal. There are about 10 pilots that are pretty active at this time, and the runway is very deteriorated. The group that uses this area also maintains it currently. The group discussed the need for fencing around the area because some people have driven over the runway, putting a large groove in it. The group would like to see resurfacing, widening and lengthening, and also the addition of amenities such as a port-a-pot and a gazebo. The Board discussed the possibility of this group using the airport, interference with rodeo ground activities, possible use of grants to get funding for this work, how can this area benefit more people, possibility of forming an AMA Club. It was decided the group needs to build a proposal and ask for a resolution of support from the Board of Trustees.

Trails Advisory Board member Bob Gray came to discuss how trails should be a part of the Recreation Master Plan the Board is working on. The Trails Board has been working on a bigger trails system and tying the trails together as a whole system with all activities such as the boulder park, "a dog park", and current other locations. The Trails Board can be helpful as we work on this plan and have the trail system integrated within what our map will look like. Everyone discussed and agreed with the need of the trails and recreation fitting together and working on future ideas coincide. The Boards will keep each other involved and informed and should possibly have meetings together.

Public Meeting Preparations – The Board discussed having pictures for people to see what could be available

and be able to write on ideas or suggestions. We will have large pictures as well as a "bubble map" with proposed areas but with the idea to get input on locations. Erin will produce fliers to distribute, have the meeting information put into the newspaper and also on the radio.

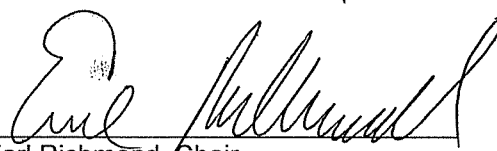
BMX Meeting – Eric talked about two main concerns being to dove-tail into the Trails Plain and the private bike project. The idea of using the land next to The Trailhead with Mr. Baker buying it and donating it to the Town and Town paying for a pump track on that land, allowing other Town land to be used for some of the other possible recreation ideas. The Board discussed that the land had not been purchased yet and could have delays in the process, Ark Valley Velo may have concerns and input, the land needs to be Town owned, there are multiple locations for this pump track idea. There was also a proposal of having a quarter mile oval around a pump track as well.

South Main Restrooms – South Main is required to build public restrooms and has proposed a hotel with public restrooms outside of the main floor. Desiring to see restrooms constructed as soon as possible, the Board suggested the possibility of putting composting toilet restrooms near the rocks and ropes course. The Board emphasized the need for restrooms now.

ADJOURNMENT

Earl Richmond adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:


Earl Richmond, Chair
Erin Reavis, Secretary